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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Re: Application of TAKAYUKI NIHEI
A PERIPHERAL UNIT FOR A PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLER
Our Ref: Q61053

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of Takayuki NIHEI pending prior Application No. PCT/JP99/02737 filed May 25, 1999 of entitled A PERIPHERAL UNIT FOR A PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, the executed Assignment with PTO-1595, the PCT Search Report and an Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449 listing known references.

**PLEASE NOTE: This application is being filed as a
Continuation of PCT/JP99/02737 pursuant to MPEP §§1895 and 1896.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	6	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$860.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$860.00
Recordation of Assignment									\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE									\$900.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$860.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire

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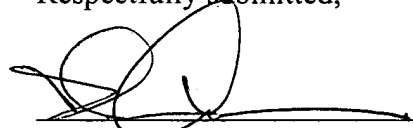
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pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

There is no claim to foreign priority.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard C. Turner', written over a horizontal line.

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